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DIRECTORS (CNAD), 28-30 OCTOBER 1975

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BEGIN SUMMARY. NADREPS MET 29 SEPTEMBER AND 6 OCTOBER. SUBJECTS INCLUDED MATTERS OF CURRENT INTEREST IN AREA OF STANDARDIZATION (US INITIATIVES AND ALLIED REACTIONS, REPORTED BY CHAIRMAN, DR. TUCKER), APPROVAL OF CNAD CADRE GROUP ACTIVITIES, AND NIAG BUDGET. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE IN USING FUNDS FROM CNAD SPECIAL FUND FOR COOPERATIVE PLANNING FOR PAYMNET OF NECESSARY TRAVEL OF EXPERTS WORKING ON COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT; WASHINGTON VIEWS ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AC/67 (ELECTRONIC PARTS), AC/94 UNCLASSIFIED

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(INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS), AND AC/294 (STANDARDIZATION OF ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLIES); WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE IN CONVERSION TO CASH OF 5MILLION BF FOR PAYMENT THIS YEAR OF A CNAD-APPROVED NIAG PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY (ANTI-SHIP MISSILES). END SUMMARY.

1. NADREPS MET 29 SEPTEMBER AND 6 OCTOBER IN PREPARATION FOR CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMEMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD) MEETING 28-30 OCTOBER. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

A. CHAIRMAN (ASG/DEFENSE SUPPORT - DR. TUCKER) REPORTED ON HIS FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO A PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP HELD AT NATO SEPTEMBER 1974. WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT WORKSHOP WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATO SYMPOSIUM ON BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET ACQUISITION (BASTA). DR. TUCKER HAS ASSEMBLED A SMALL WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT FIELD AND ALSO, IN A PARALLEL EFFORT, TO ADDRESS IMPLICATIONS OF THE CALLAGHAN REPORT. TO DATE, THREE EXPERTS FROM INDUSTRY --MR. DESIRANT (ACEC, BELGIUM), MR. STEN PETERSEN (DANISH FEDERATION OF INDUSTRY), AND MR. ROSELLI-LORENZINI (SELENIA, ITALY) AND ONE GOVERNMENTAL EXPERT, MR. MCDONALD (US EMBASSY, LONDON) -- HAVE AGREED TO SERVE ON THIS TEAM OR SPECIAL COMMITTEE WITH MR. PETERSEN ACTING AS CHAIRMAN. THEIR SUPERIORS HAVE AUTHORISED THEM TO DO THIS WORK ON BEHALF OF NATO AND WILL CONTINUE TO PAY THEIR FULL SALARIES WITHOUT ASKING FOR ANY FEES FROM NATO. DR. TUCKER HAS PROPOSED TO THE NADREPS, HOWEVER, THAT TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THIS GROUP BE REIMBURSED FROM THE CNAD SPECIAL FUND FOR COOPERATIVE PLANNING. ESTIMATED EXPENSES WILL BE BF 500,000 TO 600,000 FOR THE WHOLE TASK WITH BREAKOUT OF 150,000 IN 1975, 350,000 IN 1976 AND 100,000 IN 1977. NADREPS APPROVED DR. TUCKER'S REQUEST SUBJECT TO FINAL CONFIRMATION FROM CAPITALS.

ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN APPROPRIATE USE FOR THIS FUND.

B. THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT STATUS OF PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE/INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY (ADIT). ISSUES WHICH STILL REQUIRE RESOLUTION INCLUDE PROPOSED AGARD PREPARATION OF A TACTICAL MISSILE MODEL AND INDUSTRIE-ANLAGEN-BETRIEBS-GESELLSCHAFT (IABG) ASSISTANCE IN DATA ANALYSIS OF TACTICAL MISSILE QUESTIONNAIRES. MISSION COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT 4-POWER R&D PRINCIPALS WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER ONCE AGAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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AT A MEETING IN WASHINGTON 7-8 OCTOBER. REQUEST DETAILS OF ANY AGREEMENTS REACHED ON THIS SUBJECT.

C. CHAIRMAN BRIEFED NADREPS ON CURRENT ACTIONS PROPOSED FOR THE NAC ON STANDARDIZATION/RATIONALIZATION (US PROPOSAL AND SOME ALLIED REACTIONS). THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN THIS DISCUSSION.

D. CHAIRMAN PRESENTED HIS VIEWS ON ISSUES CONFRONTING CNAD (AND NADREPS) IN THE AREA OF CNAD MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT NADREPS MUST CONSIDER INCREASED INVOLVEMENT IN THE FUTURE IN DETERMINING HOW CNAD ACTUALLY OPERATES AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW IT SHOULD OPERATE. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF CNAD/MAS INTERFACE; CHAIRMAN OF MAS (MG LEONARD) WAS PRESENT

FOR DISCUSSION.

2. NADREPS DISCUSSED QUESTIONS OF CONTINUATION OF THREE CADRE GROUPS, AC/67, AC/94, AND AC/294. NADREPS CONCLUDED THAT AC/67 (ELECTRONIC PARTS), ALTHOUGH IT RETAINS SOME AREAS OF AGING TECHNOLOGY (VACUUM TUBES) ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF EFFORT IS DEVOTED TO THESE RELATIVELY OBSOLETE AREAS. QUESTION WAS RAISED WHETHER OR NOT AC/67 COULD FALL UNDER AEGIS OF MAS. MISSION COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, AC/67 MIGHT WELL BE TRANSFERRED TO MAS BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF THEIR ACTIVITIES CENTER ON EQUIPMENT ALREADY IN BEING RATHER THAN PROJECTED FOR FUTURE SYSTEMS. REQUEST WASHINGTON VIEWS ON FUTURE ROLE OF AC/67.

AC/94 (INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY) IS A CONSULTATIVE BODY WHICH PROVIDES ADVICE TO ALL OF NATO, NOT JUST TO CNAD. IN VIEW OF SPOKESMAN FOR AC/94, ITS FUTURE ROLE REMAINS IMPORTANT AND CAN INCLUDE THE SAFEGUARDING OF NATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH SOFTWARE. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME COUNTRIES FEEL THAT AC/94 ACTIVITIES COULD WELL BE TERMINATED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. MISSION COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, AC/94 HAS SERVED A USEFUL PURPOSE BUT SHOULD THE MAJORITY OF NATIONS VOTE TO TERMINATE ITS ACTIVITIES, WE THINK THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONCUR. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

AC/294 (ELECTRICAL POWER). NADREPS DISCUSSED A JOINT UK/FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT NADREPS APPROACH THE MAS ARMY BOARD TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER A STANDARD UNIFIED POWER SUPPLY IS AN OVERALL REQUIREMENT. OBVIOUSLY THIS ENTAILS AGREEMENT ON A COMMON UNCLASSIFIED

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VOLTAGE AND FREQUENCY FOR ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) POWER SUPPLIES WHICH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY THE OTHER TWO SERVICE ARMS. CONCEIVABLY, FOR THE UNITED STATE THAT COULD MEAN STANDARDIZATION ON 220 VOLTAGE, 50 CYCLE POWER SUPPLIES. MISSION COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD AGREE TO SUCH A MAJOR CHANGE IN VOLTAGE/FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND-BASED FORCES. WE SEE NO OBJECTION, HOWEVER, TO COMMENCING DISCUSSIONS WITH MAS ARMY BOARD ON THIS SUBJECT CHAIRMAN REQUESTED DECISION BY NADREPS AT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 20 OCTOBER. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

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3. NIAG. NADREPS DISCUSSED THE NIAG BUDGET WITH A VIEW TOWARD DETERMINING A PROPER LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE FOR YEARS 1976-1977 AND BEYOND. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF PROVIDED CLARIFICATION OF MATTER WHICH AROSE EARLIER IN NATO CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS (REPORTED REF A). THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF PROPOSES TO CONVERT TO CASH IN 1975 5MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS OF CONTRACT AUTHORITY ALREADY APPROVED FOR NIAG USE IN 1975. MISSION COMMENT: THIS DOES NOT IMPLY A COST OVER-RUN ON THE PART OF THE NIAG SUB-GROUP 8 (ANTI-SHIP MISSILE PREFEASIBILITY STUDY). THE PREFEASIBILITY STUDY WAS CONTRACTED FOR BY CNAD DIRECTION FOR AN AGREED AMOUNT OF 8MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS. INVOICES HAVE COME IN FASTER THAN ANTICIPATED AND IT IS NOW DESIRABLE TO PAY NOT ONLY THE 3MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR CASH CONVERSION DURING 1975, BUT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF 8MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS. ACTUAL EXPENDITURE BY INDUSTRY AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY 22MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS. THE NATO SHARE OF THIS COST (8MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS) IS ONLY 36PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS DISCUSSED THIS MATTER AGAIN ON 8 OCTOBER. THE US HAS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN A RESERVATION ON THE CONVERSION OF 5MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS PER WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS (REF B). WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON AGREE TO LIFT THIS RESERVATION IN VIEW OF CLARIFICATION PROVIDED ABOVE. WITHIN THE CIVIL BUDGET UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS OF 8 OCTOBER THE EARLIER CONCLUSION REACHED BY NADREPS HAS BEEN REITERATED -- THAT THE ENTIRE METHOD OF NIAG BUDGETING IS UNDULY COMPLEX AND REQUIRES CLARIFICATION. END COMMENT. US NADREP ASKED FOR ACCOUNTING OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES BY THE NIAG OVER RECENT YEARS. FOR WASHINGTON INFORMATION, THE FIGURES WHICH FOLLOW ARE APPROXIMATIONS OF WHAT WAS COMMITTED BY NIAG AND WHAT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN PAID OUT (OR CONVERTED FROM CONTRACT AUTHORITY TO CASH).

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ALL FIGURE IN MILLIONS OF BF

NOTE: THIS TABLE REFLECTS THE TRANSFER DISCUSSED ABOVE OF 5MILLION
BR FROM 1975 TO 1974. THE FIGURE OF 30MILLION BF FOR 1976
REFLECTS DOWNWARD REVISION OF PROPOSED CONTRACT AUTHORITY
(C) FOLLOWING NADREP DISCUSSION. COMMITMENT ANTICIPATED AT
THIS TIME FOR 1976 WILL BE 27.595 MILLION BF WHICH REPRESENTS
CONVERSION INTO CASH CREDITS OF THE CA APPROVED IN 1975 FOR
CURRENT STUDIES. CONSEQUENTLY OUR CURRENT PROJECTION FOR FUTURE
LEVEL OF SPENDING IS ABOUT 30-35 MILLION BF PER YEAR.
WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF A MAXIMUM CEILING
FOR ACTUAL ANNUAL COMMITMENTS OF 45 MILLION. EXPERIENCE INDICATES
THAT THIS CEILING WOULD PROVIDE DESIRED FLEXIBILITY BUT
WOULD RESULT IN CASH PAYOUT OF ABOUT 30-35 MILLION BF.
NIAG PROGRAM PLANNING AND BUDGET ESTIMATES ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED
TODAY TO NATIONS (REF C). US NADREP WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
DETAILS IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF 20-25 OCT.

MISSION COMMENT: BOTH NADREPS AND CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL
CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH
THE UK AND THE US HAVE AFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO KEEP NIAG
SPENDING AT A LEVEL CONSISTENT WITH THE TREND OF RECENT YEARS.
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WASHINGTON SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MAY WELL INHIBIT IMPLEMENTATION
OF SOME EMBRYONIC PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES. END COMMENT.

4. FOR ADVANCE PLANNING OF DR. CURRIE, SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE OCTOBER CNAD INCLUDE A COCTAIL/BUFFET HOSTED BY DR.
TUCKER ON TUESDAY EVENING, 28 OCTOBER, AND COCKTAILS
FOLLOWED BY DINNER (FOR 4-POWER R&D PRINCIPAL DELEGATION ONLY)
HOSTED BY THE FRG (COL. ACKER, NADREP) AT THE PRINCE ALBERT
CLUB ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, 29 OCTOBER.
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